



# *Montgomery County Sheriff's Office*

*Tommy Gage, Sheriff*

*February 21, 2014*

## **Media Advisory For Immediate Release**

The suspect arrested in yesterday's bank robbery, in the below listed media advisory, has been identified as Ronnie Lee Payton, (date of birth 07/13/1984). Ronnie Payton was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery and aggravated assault against a public servant. Ronnie Payton is being held at the Montgomery County Jail on a \$1,000,000 bond.

Originally, Deputies were advised that the second subject being sought in yesterday's robbery was wearing a black bandana when last seen. Per surveillance photos, the second actor was wearing a red bandana.

Investigators are in the process of reviewing evidence and the investigation is on-going. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information to call the Major Crimes Unit at (936) 760-5876 or Montgomery County Crime Stoppers.

Photos attached. Surveillance photos are of the suspect being sought.

**Crime Stoppers will pay up to a \$1000 cash reward for information leading to an arrest or indictment of a felony crime. Call 800-392-STOP (7867). Anonymous tips can also be made through the Montgomery County Crime Stoppers WEB PAGE at [www.montgomerycountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.montgomerycountycrimestoppers.org).**

**Information Source:**

**Lieutenant Brady Fitzgerald**

**Montgomery County Sheriff's Office**

**Administrative Services**

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On Thursday, February 20, 2014, at approximately 7:00 AM, Deputies with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the Wells Fargo bank, near the intersection of Research Forest and Kuykendahl Road. A reportee advised he heard a scream near the bank and then witnessed an armed male enter the bank with a dark colored hoodie.

Reportedly two males brandishing handguns confronted bank employees as they were entering the bank to prepare for business. The armed males escorted the employees into the bank and demanded money. The employees complied with the actors demands and one of the actors attempted to leave the bank through the front lobby doors. A responding unit that was arriving at the location confronted this suspect. The suspect fled on foot and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect was subdued a short distance away. The second suspect reportedly fled on foot out of another exit at the location.

An active search is currently being conducted on the second suspect. Multiple agencies are on location involved in the search including support from Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Canine and Department of Public Safety Air Support.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Major Crime Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators are on scene. The investigation is on-going and no injuries were reported.

The suspect that is being sought is described as a heavy set black male, last seen wearing a black hoodie, a black bandana, dark dickie style pants, and was wearing black and white gloves.

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